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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 167901, (B) STATE 182987

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PARAGRAPH PRESENTING THE FOUR POSSIBLE PROGRAM LEVELS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE IN FY 1980 IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, PARA 13.

2. PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

A. LEVEL 1 (MINIMUM): IMET-\$360,000; FMSCR \$6,000,000
(1) IMET \$360,000. THIS IS SHARP REDUCTION FROM THE FY 78 LEVEL AND WOULD CASUE A MAJOR DECLINE IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT OUR INTERESTS IN BOLIVIA.
IT WOULD ELIMINATE ALL CONUS TRAINING AND NECESSITATE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BOLIVIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ATTENDING CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAM WOULD RPROVIDE BASIC COMBAT ARMS TRAINING FOR 160 BOLIVIAN ARMY CADETS AND MINIMAL ATTENDANCE AT BASIC IARMAN TECHNICAL COURSES (AIR FORCE) AND COM-
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MUNICATIONS AND PATROL BOAT TRAINING (NAVY) IN CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS.
(2) FMS CREDITS-\$6,000,000. IN VIEW OF THE PRECIPITATE REDUCTION IN FMSCR BETWEEN FY78 (\$14 MILLION) AND FY79 (\$6 MILLION) AND THE RECENT AND FINAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE ENTIRE FY78 OFFER, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE MINIMUM LEVEL USEFUL TO OUR EFFORTS. RECOGNIZING THAT WE CANNOT FORESEE GOB REACTION TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FY78 CREDITS OR INTERIM BUY

DECISION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT USE GOB WOULD MAKE OF THESE FUNDS. BASED ON CURRENT INTEREST, WE BELIEVE THAT CREDITS WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND SPARE PARTS, OR UTILITY HELICOPTERS. IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT WE COULD STEER ANY PURCHASE TO ESSENTIALLY NON-MILITARY EQUIPMENT THROUGH MANIPULATION OF CREDIT TERMS.

B. LEVEL 2 (INTERMEDIATE): IMET-\$405,000; FMSCR \$6,000,000

(1) IMET-\$405,000. WHILE THIS LEVEL WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF OVERALL TRAINING, IT WOULD PROVIDE ATTENDANCE AT CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS AS OUTLINED FOR LEVEL 1 AND WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR SOME CONUS PROFESSIONAL LEVEL TRAINING (1-4 STUDENTS DEPENDING UPON THE SELECTED COURSE COSTS).

(2) FMSCR-\$6,000,000: (SAME AS LEVEL 1 ABOVE)

C. LEVEL 3 (CURRENT)C IMET-\$450,000; FMSCR-\$6,000,000

(1) IMET-\$450,000. FUNDING AT THIS LEVEL, IN VIEW OF EVER RISING COURSE COSTS, WILL NECESSITATE A REDUCTION IN STUDENT ATTENDANCE LEVELS AND THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT CZ PROFESSIONAL LEVEL COURSES OVER THAT POSSIBLE AT LEVEL 2.

(2) FMSCR-\$6,000,000. (SEE LEVEL 1 ABOVE).

D. LEVEL 4 (INCREMENTAL): IMET-\$575,000; FMSCR-\$14,000,000

(1) IMET-\$575,000. THIS LEVEL OF FUNDING (ASSUMING NO MAJOR CONFIDENTIAL

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INCREASES IN COURSE COSTS) WILL ALLOW US TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING CONUS TRAINING WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED TO IMPACT FAVORABLY ON OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE ABILITY TO GAIN STATURE AND INFLUENCE WITHIN THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY. FURTHER, IT WOULD ALLOW THE PROGRAMMING OF MOBILE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN-COUNTRY.

(2) FMS CREDITS-\$14,000,000. THIS WOULD RESTORE THE PROGRAM TO THE FY78-79 LEVELS. PURCHASES WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT LOWER LEVELS. THIS LEVEL WOULD PROVIDE A DEGREE OF US INFLUENCE OVER BOLIVIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PLANS. IT WOULD ALLOW US TOO STIMULATE A CONTINUATION OF GOB POLICY TO EMPHASIZE THE NATION-BUILDING BENEFITS OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES. THE INCREASE OVER FY79 WOULD ALLOW US TO REWARD THE MILITARY SHOULD THEY, AS NOW APPEARS LIKELY, BE PLANNING TO TURN THE GOVERNMENT OVER TO A CIVILIAN, ELECTED REGIME AT THE END OF FY79. THIS INCREASED LEVEL FOR FY80 WOULD ESSENTIALLY REPLACE THE SIMILAR LEVEL WE HAD PLANNED FOR THE SAME PRUPOSE IN FY78. A SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVEL WOULD THEN FOLLOW IN FY 81 AND FY 82. THE OVERALL RESULT WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN RELIANCE AND DEPENDENCE ON US EQUIPMENT AND A COMPARABLE DECREASE IN DEPENDENCE ON OTHER SOURCES. PURCHASES WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE AT LOWER LEVELS,

WITH THE PROBABLE ADDITION OF ONE C-130 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT.
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